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Dear Sir:

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	1	6,744,104	06/01/04	Aoki, et al.			
	2	6,727,148	04/27/04	Setton			
	3	6,649,543	11/18/03	Moore			
	4	6,297,539	10/02/01	Ma, et al.			

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